

REMARKS

The foregoing Amendment and Remarks which follow are responsive to the Restriction Requirement mailed November 4, 2005 in relation to the above-identified patent application. In that Restriction Requirement, the Examiner requested restriction under 35 U.S.C. §121 to one of three purportedly patentably distinct species of the present invention and including, in particular:

Species I: Figure 2A;
Species II: Figures 3A, 3B; and
Species III: Figures 4A, 4B.

Responsive to this Restriction Requirement, Applicant hereby provisionally elects, without traverse, Species III for initial prosecution on the merits. In accordance with this election, by this Amendment, Applicant has withdrawn Claims 12, 14 and 15. Independent Claim 1, in its current form, is believed to be generic with respect to Species I, II and III. Accordingly, upon any allowance of Claim 1, Applicant shall seek reinstatement of the withdrawn Claims 12, 14 and 15.

Similarly, independent Claim 9, in its current form, is believed to be generic with respect to Species I, II and III. Accordingly, upon any allowance of Claim 9, Applicant shall seek reinstatement of the withdrawn Claims 12, 14 and 15.

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Respectfully submitted,

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